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REMARKS

Applicant cancels claims 1-2 and 4-5.


Applicant, again, acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claim 3.

Claims 1-2 and 4-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by International Patent Application Publication No. WO 97/01168 to Rickli; and claims 1-2 were also rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,898,165 in view of Rickli. Applicant cancels the rejected claims.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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